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PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE TO THE TOWN OF DEDHAM, MAINE, OF A CERTAIN STRIP OF LAND SITUATED IN SUCH TOWN AND USED AS A ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

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Mr. O'MAHONEY, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2190]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2190) to provide for the conveyance to the town of Dedham, Maine, of a certain strip of land situated in such town and used as a road right-of-way, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

H. R. 2190 provides for the conveyance from the Secretary of the Interior to the town of Dedham, Maine, of a highway right-of-way approximately 50 feet wide and 2 miles long, aggregating approximately 11 acres. Enactment of the bill would result in a saving to the Federal Government of several hundred dollars annually in maintenance costs.

The property has been administered and maintained by the Department of the Interior in connection with the Acadia National Park. The Secretary advises that the road is of little importance or use for park purposes, and that since the major benefit from it is derived by the town of Dedham and the abutting property owners, the town logically should own the road, and the town of Dedham wishes to undertake the responsibility of maintaining it, and that there is no local opposition to the bill.

A favorable report was submitted by the Department of the Interior to the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, which report is hereinbelow set forth in full and made a part of this report:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., July 31, 1951.

Hon. JOHN R. MURDOCK,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. MURDOCK: Your committee has requested a report on H. R. 2190, a bill to provide for the conveyance to the town of Dedham, Maine, of a certain strip of land situated in such town and used as a road right-of-way.

We recommend the enactment of H. R. 2190.

The property that would be conveyed to Dedham, Maine, pursuant to this proposed legislation comprises a highway right-of-way approximately 50 feet wide and 2 miles long, aggregating approximately 11 acres. This property is federally owned and has been administered and maintained by this Department in connection with our administration of Acadia National Park.

The road is of little importance or use for park purposes. However, it is of considerable importance to the town of Dedham and to the abutting property owners who obtain the major benefit from it. In these circumstances, we believe it is logical that the town own and maintain the road. We are informed that the town is willing to accept and to maintain it. This probably will effect a saving to the Federal Government of several hundred dollars annually.

We have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

MASTIN G. WHITE,
Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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